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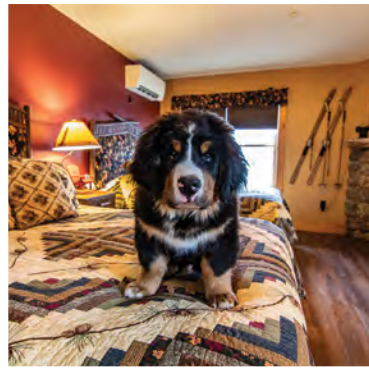




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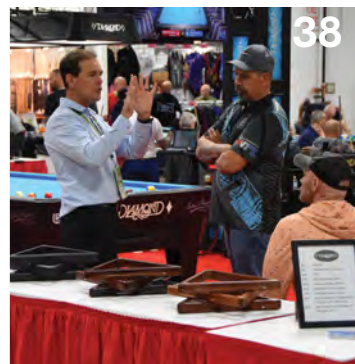
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At last, summer has arrived after thirteen or fifteen rainy Saturdays since early March. That's here in the Northeast, and it was still snowing on the top of Mt. Washington at the end of May. Well, I guess if you were off to play in tournaments during those Saturdays it wouldn't be all that bad if they were indoor events. The nicer weather is upon us, here in the Northeast, and it's time to get out and enjoy your Summer.

Now whether you are from the East, West, South or North it has always been my perspective that you need to take a break from your normal and what some of you may have as continue rigorous training exercises for your Bar Sports. It's like getting off face book for a while. Just sign-out! It will be good for the head and the soul, yea, I know it's hard, but you will find some peace in it if you let yourself. I see all kinds of events planned for the Summer; pool, foosball, darts and yes cornhole. Now cornhole is just made for Summers. It's popular year-round and perfect for backyard barbecues. Who wants to put a pool table or foosball table out in the sun for a cookout? Yes, I know some of you still like the idea. This is when it is time to take a break from your sport. I'm not telling you to stop going to your local pool hall; they need to make a living over the summer. But you just might want to take a break from events.



I am NO therapist, but after many years of playing foosball and pool I know I enjoy the games a lot more after a short or some-time extended break. I even have a better reaction to the game and many times find myself playing better after a few days or nights out. The pros may not agree with me, but I know a few of them that could use a break, LOL, and that brings me to our **National Dart Correspondent, Gregg Tong**. Gregg wrote an article that just cracked me up, it is Called **"Bulls Eye Banter"** The Top Ten Dart Player Stereotypes. Don't be **#7!** You can find this article on page 57 and if you don't get a laugh out of this, then you could possibly be **#2**. If you're like either one of these, then you need a break, or if consistent, find a new sport or hobby. Just a funny thought.

Now for all my East Coast friends, if you're one of them that needs that break, we sure have some great suggestions in this issue. Whether it's an advertised location or one of our stories, you DON'T make it into Tavern Players Magazine unless we think you have what our readers are going to want, however we do have a wide range of readers.

Enjoy your Summer, whatever you have planned. Find your Happy place with a friend, family or loved one!

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ON THE COVER

It's 165' of Gorge Beauty etched into the terrain of Quechee, Vermont. Along with its beauty it brings a taste of New England that stands on its own. As you will read from the article on page 14.

Next, we have the Woodstock Inn Brewery. A place that is dear to my heart but not as much as its beer is to my taste buds. LOL Be sure to bring some Anniversary Ale home with you, it's a NO BRAINER!

Under **"What's Inside"**, Ya just have to check this place out, Lobster in the Rough, if you are at all into backyard cookouts and parties. This is the Cadillac, and you don't have to cook or clean up.

A Foosball Showdown, it doesn't get any better than this, beautiful rustic atmosphere, with great craft beers, awesome food and four decades of foosball that came together.

Here's a quick recap of the Super Billiards Expo for those who couldn't attend. Now is the time to start planning for next year. Maybe you can even get a team together by playing in the TAP League. Find out where this Championship team (pictured right) is from on page 44.





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By Ron Boucher and Erica Paquette

Rough, Ready & Lobstered Up

At Lobster in the Rough in York, Maine, you can kick back with a cold beer, a fresh-caught lobster, and live tunes under the summer sky. This casual gem mixes seaside eats, local brews, and bar sports energy with a backyard party feel.



Bartender Meaghan Bixby
and manager Gerry Holly



LOBSTER IN THE ROUGH

If you're off to the Beach this summer and it just so happens to be York or Ogunquit Beach in Maine, here is a must stop if you have never been here before. **"Lobster in the Rough"** located at 1000 US Rte. 1. Established in 1977, this has been a staple of the York Beach area community.

Now if you're like me, getting up early in the morning and just wanting to get to the beach is all that is on your mind. I understand. You may be planning to spend the week at your destination, and visiting the beach might be your primary objective. Well, I have been driving by this place for years and always thought I could get a lobster right down by the beach. Let me tell you, don't be me! You're going to get more than just a Lobster at "Lobster in the Rough", Open air bar, with indoor and outdoor seating and a Great Seafood menu.





Here we have Casey (center) who takes care of the Horseshoe Pits and also runs the league, with a couple of locals and friends of the Rough, left Emily and on right Amanda.

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They open on May 16th each year and close in October, depending on the weather. But they do open for one special day in the off season no matter what the weather, and that is St. Patrick's Day!

I was told by Manager Gerry Holly that an event that is very close to all the hearts of the staff and patrons alike is their Fishing Tournament" held on July 17th this year. It is an event that supports many organizations in the York County area.

After spending some time with bartender Meaghan, you really know and get that good ole Costal New England Flavor and realize you are in the right place for a good Lobster, Seafood and Fun times.

Then a Brewery Stop

After finishing your meal and playing a few games, you can visit a small brewery called "Odd by Nature Brewing," located 2 miles north, up the road. For those interested in sampling craft beers, both the Brew Pub and the beer garden offer inviting atmospheres.



The Odd by Nature Brewing staff ready to help you. L to R: Evan, Hillary, Anna and Ricardo.

The establishment features an outdoor food truck and an indoor menu, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience in either setting. visit the website at www.oddbynaturebrewing.com.

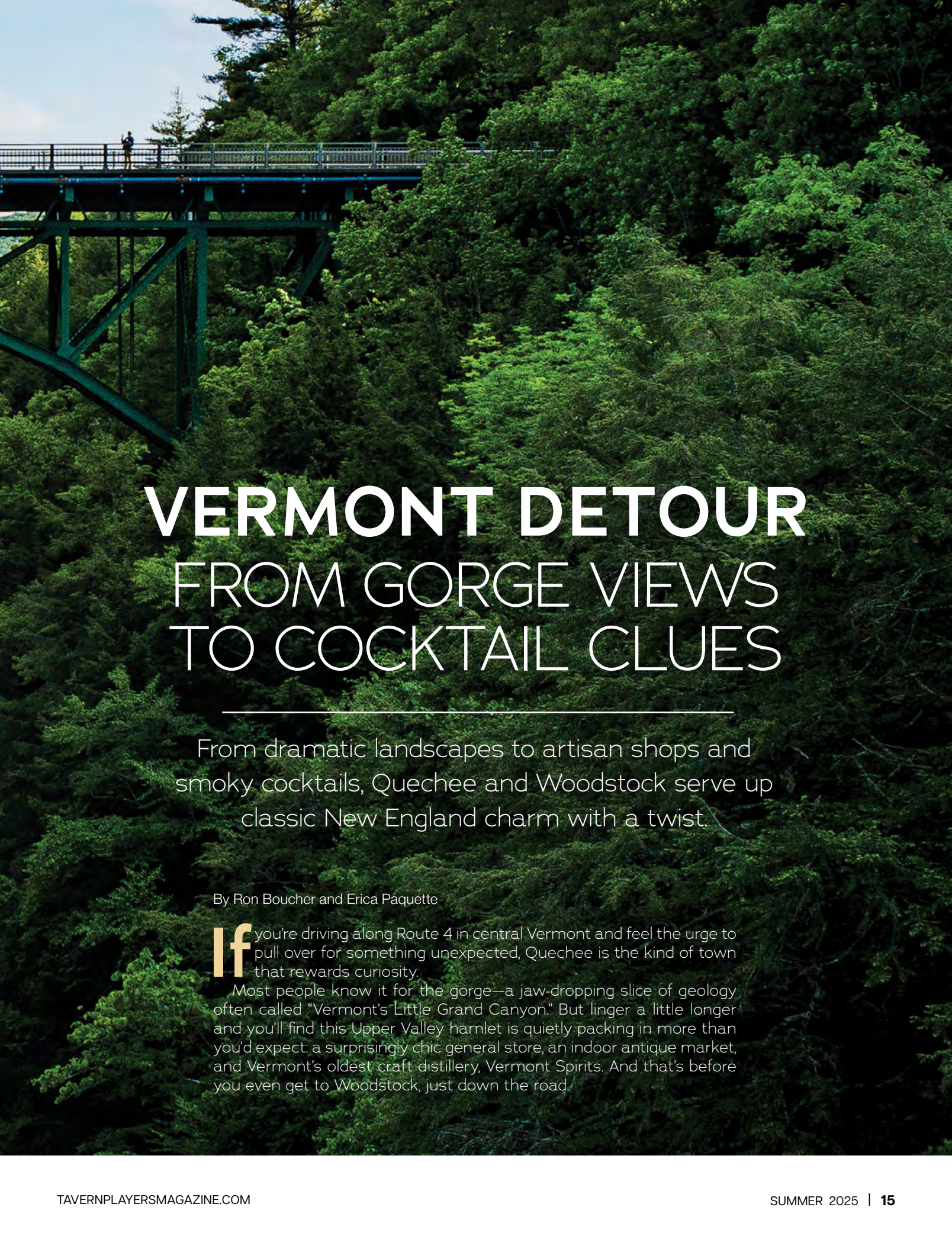
So, after you feel you have had enough at the beach, these are a couple of our suggestions where you find just a little bit more than you might think you will find at the beach. 



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VERMONT DETOUR

FROM GORGE VIEWS TO COCKTAIL CLUES

From dramatic landscapes to artisan shops and smoky cocktails, Quechee and Woodstock serve up classic New England charm with a twist.

By Ron Boucher and Erica Paquette

If you're driving along Route 4 in central Vermont and feel the urge to pull over for something unexpected, Quechee is the kind of town that rewards curiosity.

Most people know it for the gorge—a jaw-dropping slice of geology often called “Vermont’s Little Grand Canyon.” But linger a little longer and you’ll find this Upper Valley hamlet is quietly packing in more than you’d expect: a surprisingly chic general store, an indoor antique market, and Vermont’s oldest craft distillery, Vermont Spirits. And that’s before you even get to Woodstock, just down the road.



The Gorge Factor

The main event, of course, is Quechee Gorge, where the Ottauquechee River has carved out a 165 foot deep canyon, New England's deepest. The view from the Route 4 bridge is classic road trip material, perfect for that first photo stop.

But for those who want to stretch their legs, a well-marked trail winds down to the river's edge. Whether you hike all the way or just linger at the top snapping photos, it's a guaranteed hit of Vermont scenery.

And here's the part most visitors miss: The magic doesn't stop at the gorge.

Less than 15 minutes west, the postcard perfect town of Woodstock awaits. Artisan shops, cafes, and tucked away cocktail bars make it an easy next stop. If you're already this far, why not make a day of it or even stay the night?

Where General Store Meets Wine Bar

Back in Quechee, a stop at the Quechee General Store feels like walking into the best version of a Vermont cliché and then being pleasantly surprised.

Sure, you'll find maple syrup and Cabot cheese. But you'll also find a carefully curated wine selection, a fridge full of local craft beer, and some seriously good small-batch finds.

On a recent visit, Charlie stood by the door pouring samples of Putney Mountain Winery's latest offerings. His knowledge of Vermont wines and spirits was as easygoing as it was impressive.

Walk past the wine wall and you'll spot bottles from Shelburne Vineyard, La Garagista, and other local labels, all sharing shelf space with small European imports.

Then there's the beer fridge, home to some of Vermont's greatest hits:

- Lawson's Finest Liquids (Yes, there's Sip of Sunshine)
- The Alchemist (Heady Topper fans, take note)
- Fiddlehead Brewing (A cooler essential)
- Long Trail Brewing Co., just 30 minutes further down Route 4 in Bridgewater

Seasonal releases, limited ciders, and small-batch surprises fill out the mix.

Next Stop: Vermont Spirits

Once you've stocked up at the General Store (and maybe poked around the antique market next door), it's time to shift from hops and grapes to grains.

A short walk down the sidewalk takes you to the Vermont Spirits Distilling Co. Meeting House. Inside, we met Liz Barker, who guided us through a tasting

lineup that included their standout No. 14 Bourbon Whiskey, finished with Vermont maple syrup.

Liz also tipped us off to the next chapter for Vermont Spirits: a soon-to-open tasting room in Harry's, the oldest building in Quechee, right next door. Plans include tastings, merchandise, and a new spot to sample their full lineup.

Over at Harry's, Sarah filled us in on more of the building's history and what to expect when the space officially opens.

Into Woodstock: Cafes and Cocktails

From Quechee, Woodstock is just a short drive west.

We grabbed lunch at Mon Vert Café, a cozy, no fuss spot with great sandwiches and locally roasted coffee, before setting out on a different kind of quest.

A friend had insisted: "If you like Wolf Tree in White River Junction, you'll love this bar in Woodstock."

That led us to Au Comptoir, an intimate, open-air cocktail bar tucked just off Main Street. Look for the small sign and you'll know you've found it.

We settled in at the bar and watched bartender Maria work her magic. One moment stood out: she smoked dried chilies and hickory sticks, trapping the smoke under



inverted glasses before mixing the cocktail. It was theater and craft in one.

Maria's drinks were as good as her hospitality. If you're anywhere near Woodstock, Au Comptoir is worth making time for.

More Than a Pit Stop

What makes Quechee and its neighbor Woodstock so appealing is the way they blend small-town authenticity with unexpected culinary, and beverage finds.

Scramble down a gorge trail, enjoy a

farm-fresh lunch, browse a wine rack that wouldn't be out of place in a Brooklyn bottle shop, taste-test local bourbon, and finish the day sipping smoked cocktails in a cozy bar tucked off an alleyway.

It's Vermont at its best: low key but high quality, and full of small surprises you'll want to take home, along with that bottle of bourbon or IPA six pack. From handmade goods to locally brewed favorites, there's something here for every kind of souvenir hunter. **11**



Quick Stops Around Quechee & Woodstock

Quechee Gorge

Start your day with a view. Whether you hike down to the river or snap photos from the Route 4 bridge, it's a must-see stop.

Quechee General Store

Come for the cheese and maple syrup... stay for the wine wall, craft beer, and Charlie's local wine samples (Putney Mountain Winery tastings are often happening near the door). quecheegeneralstore.com

Putney Mountain Winery and Spirits

Tucked inside the Quechee General Store, you'll often find samples and friendly staff ready to talk you through their small-batch wines and spirits. putneymountainwinery.com

Vermont Spirits Distilling Co.

Head down the sidewalk to the Meeting House and meet Liz for a tasting. Keep an eye out for their new tasting room coming soon inside Harry's Cocktail Lounge—the oldest building in Quechee. vermontspirits.com

Mon Vert Café (Woodstock)

Casual, cozy, and perfect for a lunch stop. Sandwiches, salads, and Vermont-roasted coffee. www.monvertcafe.com

Au Comptoir (Woodstock)

Tiny, stylish, and cocktail-focused. Watch bartender Maria work her smoky, spicy magic behind the bar. Look for the small sign on Main Street—you'll feel like you found a secret spot. aucomptoirvt.com

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The Woodstock Inn Brewery is celebrating a milestone anniversary: 30 years of brewing beer! As the third brewery in New Hampshire and the first in the White Mountains region, Woodstock Inn Brewery was one of the early pioneers in microbrewing when it launched in 1995. At the time, craft beer was just starting to gain popularity, and it was a natural next step for the business, which was already thriving as an inn and restaurant.

The original 7-barrel system (recently upgraded this spring) debuted with four beers: Red Rack Ale, Old Man Oatmeal Stout, Lost River Light (all still on tap today), and Loon Golden Ale (now retired). The beers were met with rave reviews, and soon the brewery added Kanc Country Maple Porter and its now-flagship, Pig's Ear Brown Ale.

Business grew steadily. By 1997, Woodstock was distributing growlers and kegs. The addition of a 30-barrel brewhouse in 2012 allowed them to produce larger quantities, which led to bottling and regional distribution. By the following years, their beers were available at craft retailers across New England. In the spring of 2023, that 30-barrel system was replaced

with brand-new brewing equipment that gives brewers even greater control over the process.

Thirty years is a long time. The industry has changed. Trends have changed. But Woodstock's commitment to brewing great-tasting beer remains just as strong as it was in 1995.



To celebrate the anniversary, the brewery released a special limited-edition Anniversary Ale. The recipe pays tribute to Pig's Ear Brown Ale, reimaged as a barrel-aged imperial brown ale, blended and conditioned with vanilla beans and New Hampshire maple syrup. With an ABV of 12.8%, it's bottled—not canned—just like it was when they started. As the label says: Enjoy now or age in your cellar.

But Anniversary Ale isn't the only new release this summer. Peachy Wheat, a crisp, unfiltered wheat ale with a touch of white peach, is now available. So is Summit Daze, a smooth and hazy IPA. And making its seasonal return: the fan favorite Lemon Blueberry Pale Ale.

All of these—and more—are available at the brewery and at select craft beer retailers throughout New England.



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Tucked in a timeless New Hampshire village, Tamworth Distilling blends old-world charm with modern craft, serving up locally foraged flavors, award-winning spirits, and a riverside tasting experience that's as memorable as the town itself.

One of the best parts about living in New Hampshire is the ever-expanding ability to find really cool and unique places to visit, explore and appreciate. For those who have been a part of creating unique settings for visitors to find appealing, we applaud you.

We found such a setting is the quiet old town of Tamworth, NH... a place where time has forgotten and leaves its history intact. In a new building using classical style to match its surroundings, Tamworth Distilling and Mercantile at 15 Cleveland Hill Road allows visitors to shop for brandy, gin, vodka and other crafted spirits made right on premises. All ingredients used in the production of spirits are farmed or foraged within 150 miles of the distillery.

Since the 19th century, Tamworth has been home to artists, writers, innovators with famous names as E.E. Cummings and President Grover Cleveland. And its common architecture reflects those fond times.

"Tamworth Distilling is a craft distillery, founded and owned by liquor brand savant Steven Grasse, that focuses on creating truly one-of-a-kind, small-batch spirits that reflect the flora and fauna of lush Tamworth, New Hampshire." quoted from Punch Media, a marketing firm in Philadelphia, PA, home of Mr. Grasse. Furthermore, "The distillery has received glowing praise in The New York Times, Travel + Leisure, Forbes, Wine Enthusiast, Esquire, Bloomberg, The Manual, and more. In 2023, Tamworth Distilling was celebrated by FOOD & WINE as an Innovator of the Year."

Keeping with century old styling, yet with a modern flare, the layout inside the spacious facility allows for patrons to examine exquisitely labeled bottles of various spirits, well stocked displays and a view of the distillery itself. In the center of the layout is a tasting bar where flights of their offerings are available as well as mixed drinks.

Behind the distillery is a grassy field leading down to the Swift River which allows patrons to sit by the water and reflect while sipping their selections... this was an especially great treat. You can find out more about this fun place on Instagram, Facebook and at tamworthdistilling.com

Make it a point when in the area to stop in and browse their offerings, gander at their achievements and experience a piece of Tamworth that time still leaves to itself. **TP**



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By Jim MacMillan

WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME...EVENTUALLY

White River Junction's Filling Station Bar & Grill keeps its dive-bar soul while adding a few artsy, edible-flower surprises and bluegrass jams. It's the kind of place where strangers don't stay strangers for long.



Descending into White River Junction, VT's river valley, an artistic little oasis awaits you. A town filled with genres from the 60's and 70's, it's like folks just wanted to stay in that time period. Now I'm not saying it's like Greenwich Village in NYC back in the day or like Haight-Ashbury in California (if you're puzzled by these two name drops, then you need to do some homework). No, it's more like an artsy town that wants to stay artsy and not modernize. And actually, it really is a place that wants to offer more.

Anna Guenther, a Southerner who's lived in the upper valley for 20+ years, recently partnered with a friend to purchase The Filling Station which was listed

for sale last February. The partners jumped on the opportunity to preserve The Filling Station's neighborhood dive and its community.

The Filling Station Bar and Grill is at 70 Gates Street just off the corner of South Main Street. This little find offers a real hometown feel with just enough space to have a musical gathering of townsfolk and a pool game as well. Fresh from a moderate maintenance building overhaul but otherwise unchanged, The Filling Station has seen many other uses in its 125 year existence. It was one a bus station, drug store, market, and Italian restaurant and now a place where locals can gather and reminisce. Music breaks out without notice from time to time here which attracts

patrons to imbibe and enjoy.

Whether its local northern stage staff singing along to the jukebox or their Wednesday Bluegrass Acoustic jam, it's always fresh and fun. Edible-flower decorated cheeseboards are offered daily for now while the menu is about to get a sure boost shortly. In July, as the new staff and owners settle into sync with the longtime bartender, Bobby, who has worked in that building for 40 years, there will always be new and innovative surprises waiting for the public. Whether you are a neighbor for the night at the Hotel Coolidge, live around the corner, or are coming over for a visit, they see all their guests as neighbors sharing their time with the staff. That makes each patron a 'neighbor.' 

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Winners of the Absolut Cooler Josh Joubert left and Andy Joubert Right, I hope there is no fighting over who gets to use it. LOL

By Ron Boucher

A Perfect Foosball Day

March 22, 2025

A record turnout, big prizes, and four decades of players came together at The Hayloft for a North Country foosball showdown filled with fierce matches, family moments, and a whole lot of fun.



It was a perfect day for foosball, and the turnout proved it. The first event, Draw Your Partner, brought in 34 players, making up 17 teams. It's been quite a few years since we've seen that many teams compete in the North Country of New England.

The combination of a well-known, scenic location and a \$200. added prize money for each event made this a can't-miss tournament for players from all over the region. A big thanks goes out to The Hayloft and the event sponsors for making it all happen.

Players showed up from all across New England—Vermont, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, and of course, New Hampshire. The day wasn't just about the matches. It also felt like a reunion, with players representing nearly four decades

of foosball coming together.

The competition was intense, but what stood out just as much was the number of new local players jumping in. One highlight was seeing the entire Joubert family—Jack, Andy, Rory, and Joshua—from Center Conway, New Hampshire. And let me tell you, they all had game.

A personal highlight for me was reconnecting with my good friends Chip and Dawn Gilbert from Laconia, New Hampshire. Chip and I first played foosball together back in the fall of 1978. I know I'm dating him by saying that, but I don't think he'll mind. It just shows how long this community has been going strong.

Brian Turman from Burlington, Vermont, was the standout player of the day. He and longtime player John Elliot, who made a surprise return from Madison, New

Hampshire, took first place in Draw Your Partner. Brian didn't stop there—he went on to win Open Doubles with Ken Donahue from Manchester, New Hampshire.

All in all, it was one of those days that reminds you why you love the game. Seeing old friends, meeting new players, and having my daughter and newborn grandson stop by to cheer me on made it truly a perfect foosball day.

A. Jerry Schofield, who came all the way from NY is seen here watching other matches.

B. Chip & Dawn Gilbert from Laconia, NH. Chip started playing while in the service while stationed in Germany. Chip and Ron (Me) met in the Fall of "1978" and the rest is history. Chip and his wife Dawn are seen here talking with Brian Turman.

C. A Great Tournament is never great without a Great Staff. Thank you L to R Cherri DiSilva, Louies Palowski, and Gail Stevens.

Draw Your Partner (DYP)

1st	Brian Turman John Elliot	VT NH	\$250.00 & Jackets
2nd	Steve Batista Ron Boucher	MA NH	\$200.00
3rd	Louies Palowski Steve "Hoof" Halsey	VT NH	\$120.00
4th	Stan Palowski Bruce "Juice" Tarricone	VT MA	\$80.00
5th	Rob Marchinkowski Jeff Margo	NH NH	\$30.00
5th	Eric Shea Owen Shea	NH NH	\$30.00

Open Doubles

1st	Brian Turman Ken Donahue	VT NH	\$220.00 & Jackets
2nd	Stan Palowski Sheryl Palowski	VT VT	\$170.00
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4th	Wil Langevin Ron McDaniels	NH NH	\$ 60.00

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Winners of the DYP, L to R Brian Turman, John Elliot, Ron Boucher, and Steve Batista. Your Funny John, Nice Match!



Winners of Open Doubles, L to R in back Brian Turman, Ken Donahue, Rob Marchinkowski, Eric Shea and in front Stan and Sheryl Palowski.



In his first major tournament Rory Joubert held his own and then some. His partner Eric Blake from Lancaster, NH did a great job in guiding young Rory through what were some intense matches.



My Grandson Oliver Sleeping through the sound of foosball as I play on in the background.



Five decades of Foosball, where has the time gone! "But it's Been a Great Ride" L to R Joe Ferriera, Ron Boucher, Bruce "Jucie" Tarricone, in back Chip Gilbert, Dawn Gilbert, Mike "Zac" Hujsak, Rob Marchinkowski, Steve "Hoof" Halsey and in front Stan "The Man" Palowski.



The DYP demonstrated strong competitiveness from the outset. On the left, we have Louies Palowski playing in the front position with his partner Hoof. On the right, Wil Langevin is positioned in front, while his partner Stacy Duggan is playing as the goalkeeper. 

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**KAT & PAT
BACK IN THE DAY**

At 66, Kat Sloan is living her foosball dream—taking on champions, making memories, and proving it's never too late to shine.

My name is Kim Sloan. I go by Kat (Fooskat) my incredible Foosball journey began in 1977 at my first waitress job at Uncle Sam's in Pasadena Texas. This is where I met my husband Pat who was the DJ, and he introduced me to the game of foosball and taught me how to play.

We had 5 Dynamo tables there.

Pat actually played in tournaments earlier in the 70's and owned a pool hall in Deer Park Tx where he had tornado tables.

Over the years, we never participated in tournaments, but after his passing in 2017, I decided to pursue my passion and start competing. I moved to Oregon for a short time, where I met the Oregon crew, who guided me on how to play tournament-style Foosball. I then returned to Texas and joined the Houston crowd, where I continued to hone my skills. I've been fortunate enough to travel to various tournaments in different locations, including Colorado, Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Portland, and Vegas, where I played in the Hall of Fame tournament for the first time. This experience was made possible by my sponsor, without whom I wouldn't have been able to afford the weekend.

My journey began with checking into my room for six nights and finding the tournament room, which seemed like a million steps away. I wish I had rented a scooter like Todd Loffredo, but the \$240 rental fee was too steep for me. Despite the distance, I made sure to start each day with a visit to the pool, which was included in the resort fee. It was a wonderful way to relax and unwind and work on my tan. I carefully selected my events to avoid overexerting myself, as I've learned from past experiences that too much play can lead to arm strain and decreased performance. I was fortunate to have fantastic partners, including Greg Mendel from California with whom I played open mixed, and Carolyn Chavez from Colorado with whom I played three events. We had previously met in Kentucky, where we took second place in amateur women's doubles. Although we didn't win this time, we had an amazing time playing together. I also had the opportunity to play with Bob Barnett from Oregon, and we played exceptionally well together In Moneyball in Oregon.

I partnered with Bob again, and we had a blast playing together. I appreciate his approach to the game, which emphasizes having fun and not putting too much pressure on oneself. As a beginner/rookie, I'm still learning and improving, and I'm grateful

for the experience. I also played with my friend Jeff Lee from Oregon in expert mixed, and although he's a tough competitor, I was happy to have the opportunity to play with him. One of the highlights of my trip was seeing Gena Murray, a Hall of Famer, and playing against her on her own table! She's always so nice to me. Another highlight was receiving a sweatshirt before my trip from my sweet friend Myieka, which commemorated my first time attending the Hall of Fame. I was touched by her thoughtful gesture. Throughout the tournament, I was able to collect autographs from many of the great players, including Billy Pappas, Tony Spredeman, Ryan Moore, Cindy Head, Nancy Pappas, Shelly Langley, Blake Roberts, all the Rue's, and many others. It was amazing that not one person declined my request.

As a first-time visitor to Vegas, I was excited to explore the city, but as most Foosball players know, when you're in town for a tournament, it's usually all about eating, sleeping, and playing Foosball.

I did manage to leave the hotel twice to visit the grocery store, which saved me a significant amount of money on necessities. Although I didn't get to see any shows or explore the city, I did get to experience the casino, which was a challenge in itself. We had to walk right through it to play! I only spent a little money, and I was fortunate enough to win back more than I spent. Overall, my first time in Vegas was an incredible experience, with so many people and events to take in. The mariachi bands and people dressed up in costumes added to the excitement. I also enjoyed watching the dart tournament, which was taking place next door. What I enjoyed most, however, was spending time with my friends and fellow players. It's like one big family, and everyone is so nice and supportive. My friend Myieka also made some wonderful koozies, lighters, and stickers, which I appreciated. I also had some T-shirts and beautiful boxes, which were well-received. Thank you to everyone who supported me. Ohhh and also Ryan Moore and his lovely wife of Iveta just took over the Foosball tour from his Mom and the World Foosball tour was born, and they did a fabulous job with the set up the banners the room just looked great. They ran it like champs. They were everywhere doing camera work making T-shirts fixing this and that, putting out fires over here and there. (not real fires) They were awesome and put on a great show and they keep changing things and tweaking as they go so it can only get better from there.

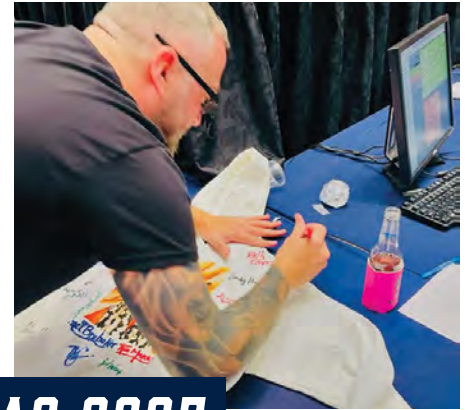
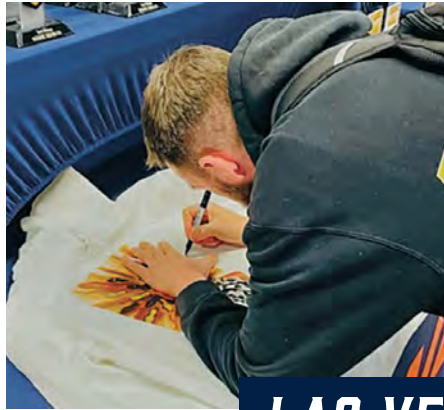


Now at the age of 66 I feel extremely fortunate to be alive and have the opportunity to attend these tournaments, and I sincerely hope I get the chance to participate in many more. I must say that I don't know of any other sport where a rookie like me can play with and against the very best in the world!

I especially want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my sponsor "Charlie" who has been an absolute guardian angel. He affectionately refers to my sister and me as Charlie's angels, and his kindness and generosity know no bounds. Without his unwavering support, I wouldn't be able to participate in these incredible experiences and create unforgettable memories. I'm thoroughly enjoying every moment of this journey, which feels like a rejuvenating mini getaway, despite some occasional stress, a sore arm, and tired feet. Nevertheless, my passion for this experience only continues to grow, and I'm deeply thankful. 



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By Dan Bueno



New England Players Face Off in Spring Showdown While Raising Funds for World Cup Journey



4th Annual Spring Classic Results

Draw Your Partner (DYP)

1st/2nd	Shane Staples/Ron McDaniel (King seat) Chopped with Stan Palowski/ Steve Halsey (Hoof)
3rd	Dave Johnson John Batista
4th	Eric Lynch Ken Donaghue

Open Doubles

1st	Mike Philbrook Shane Staples	
2nd	Matthew Pettinato Jum Lyndes	
3rd	Stan Palowski Ken Donaghue	

*The Gatekeepers, Vicki Bueno
and Gail Stevens*

Foosball continues to grow in southern New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Foosball Group/Dead Bar Society held another very successful tournament at Penuche's Ale House. Players from all New England and New York came to test their skills, 38 players, 19 teams participated in the Draw Your Partner, 18 players in the Open Doubles. It was a fun filled day with many exciting matches to watch. The Classic series (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall) that are held at Penuche's Ale

House brings out the best the northeast has to offer in Foosball competition.

During the event, a fundraising 50/50 raffle was held to support the Palowski family which is traveling to Zaragoza Spain to represent the United States in the ITSF World Cup tournament in June 2025. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Gail Stevens, with her utmost generosity she decided to donate all her winning to the Palowski family. Kudos to Gail!!!! 



DYP winners, left to right Steve (Hoof) Halsey, Ron McDaniel, Shane Staples, Eric Lynch, Dave Johnson, Ken Donaghue, John Batista



50/50 raffle winner, Gail Stevens with Sheryl and Stan Palowski



Open Doubles winners, left to right, Stan Palowski, Matt Pettinato, Jum Lyndes, Mike Philbrook, Ken Donaghue, Shane Staples

GOOD OLD AMERICAN FOOSBALL – EUROPEAN STYLE

In the year of our foosball lords 2025 we are witnessing the evolution of the sport.

By Tom Robinson

When last we spoke, the World Foosball Tour (WFT) had its debut event the — 2025 Tour Kick Off in Lexington, Kentucky (spring 2025 “Tavern Players” magazine).

Since then, the WFT has furthered its reputation as the new kid on the foosball block. South Dakota, Wisconsin and Florida State foosball championships have all benefited from the WFT, courtesy of Ryan Moore.

The 2025 Hall of Fame (HOF) Classic in Las Vegas was the next big leap for the WFT. Over the week of April 9-13, the Westgate Resort played host for nearly 500 foosball players! New seating arrangements, as well as new big screen TV monitors, turned the pit area into an ideal place to view the final battles of the foosball events in the HOF tournament.

Add to this, Tony Spredeman and Billy Pappas were inducted into the National Foosball Hall of Fame. The presentation and the ceremony were phenomenal! (Not a dry eye in the house.) Given a boost of pride and desire to cement his place in foosball history, Tony Spredeman won the HOF Open Singles, Open Doubles and Open Mixed events.

Ryan Moore and his team of hard-working professionals made sure everyone had a great time and set a new standard for professional foosball tournaments.

Foosball players across America are truly lucky to have this new professional tour underway and gaining steam.

Watch this space for upcoming reports including the 2025 WFT World Championships in New Orleans during the week of August 27-September 1 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.



TOP: L to R: Brandon Munoz, Tommy Moore and Tommy Yore at the ITSF World Series.

BOTTOM: L to R: Brandon Munoz and Tommy Yore Open Doubles winners at the ITSF World Series.



Sullivan Rue-winner of the ITSF Gold Series Women's Singles and winner of the Golden Ticket.

AMERICA MEETS EUROPE

Most American foosball players are very familiar with the format under which our tournaments have been run. Double elimination and championship format are still in use for many locations. When you enter an event under double elimination, once you lose two matches, you're out. After your first loss, you're in the losers' bracket. You can fight your way back through that bracket and end up in the finals. From there, if you play in the finals and win two matches, you win the whole event. With the championship format, you enter the event and once you lose a single match, you are placed in the losers' bracket and cannot battle your way back to play the finals. The best you can do is third place. Meanwhile, the two undefeated teams are the only competitors who can win the entire event.

Compare this to the European style play and format. It's sometimes referred to as the Swiss format, wherein you enter an event and play several qualifying rounds. The number of matches you win or lose determines your qualification for the elimination round. More playing and more chances to stay in the competition are the overall appeals for this format. Additionally, the tournament can be more easily timed and everyone knows when they will be playing.

During a recent episode of FoosTalk Live (FoosTalk Live Ep 254), Steve Murray, the Texas-based promoter and legendary player, spoke about the return of the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) to the United States. This was the second time the European organization would set up shop in Dallas, Texas. Traditionally, the Texas State Championships were held during the Memorial Day weekend.

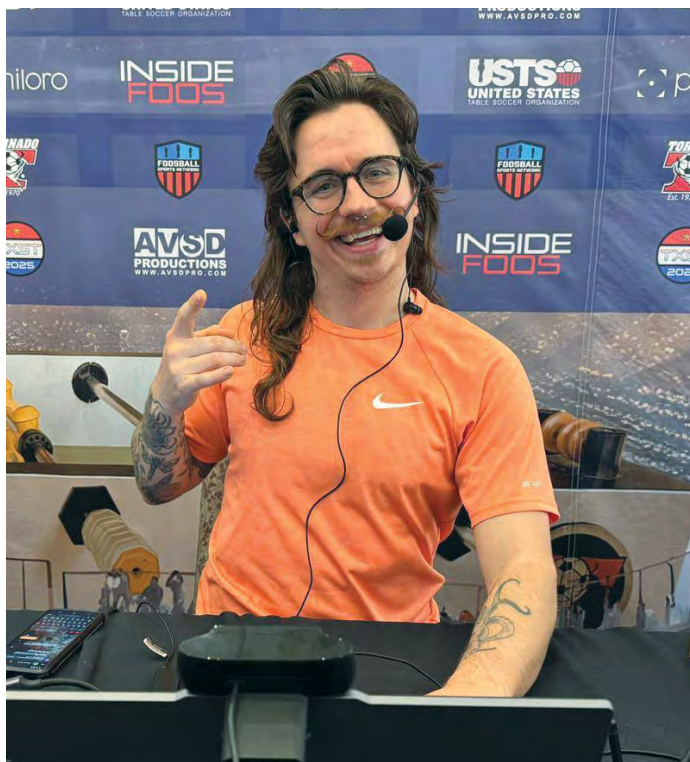
Steve remarked, "I was lucky enough to be on the senior team (Team USA at World Cup) in 2017 and 2019 and it was an unreal foosball experience! It was next level fun stuff. It was like nothing I had experienced here domestically."

Steve explained how the idea of the ITSF conducting an American-based tournament came about. "At the time, we were approached by the ITSF wanting to bring that program here to the states. And at that time, Mary [Moore] was running a solid tour and foosball was starting to grow, but it didn't have that international flair. We looked at that as an opportunity to bring that here and it was a tradeoff of our weekend to try to get them established. It's something different from what our players are used to. Anybody who has been over there and experienced their program, it's highly successful. My thought was if we could bring that to North America and get it established, along with what Mary and Ryan are doing with their tour, it would just be the best of both worlds for the players."

Steve addressed some objections. "It's not about bailing out on Texas State. It was about bringing a potential opportunity to the U.S. players, to get a taste of the international stuff, along with what's going on with the tour. We couldn't do much more with Texas State and it made sense for us to partner up and see where that goes."

Hence, the 2025 ITSF World Series Finals, Gold Series Finals and Texas State Championships were held in Dallas May 23-26.

Nearly 280 domestic and international foosball players flocked to the Westin DFW Airport hotel for non-stop action. Coverage was provided by Canadian streamer Justin Coyouette calling the play-by-play for the matches.



Justin Cayouette

More than 2,100 matches were played on 65 tables over 32 competitions. Beginning with the Junior Singles Under 19 competitions, rising star Jayden Luera walked away with the trophy after defeating Evan Chavez in the finals.

Meanwhile, in the Senior Singles Over 50 division, Dave Radack triumphed over Warren Vanlandingham; both players hail from Texas.

Warren was not to be turned away as he teamed up with Mike Yore of Florida to win the Senior Doubles Over 50 event against Rich Fosner and Mohammad Uddin.

Senior Singles in the Over 63 division found Rick Pomeroy of Florida defeating Mike Veit from Idaho. Veit got his revenge in the Senior Doubles Over 63 finals match as he paired with Spirit Mollice of Louisiana to defeat Oscar Ramirez and Danny Lynch.

Rookie Singles included a field of 34 players, with the finals finding Derek Sanchez the winner after beating Randall Stelly.

Rookie Doubles was full of action, as well, with Dylan Gensen and Matt Yanez taking down the team of Vincent Cattoir and Romeo Issa in the finals.

There was foosball combat in the Amateur Singles finals with Michael Swagger dashing the hopes of Michael Villanueva. The same could be said of the Amateur Doubles competition, with Hani Alami and Jake Buland closing it out with a win over Evan Chavez and Michael Delapaz. Expert Singles came to a fiery end with Slovakia's Peter Cingel dashing the hopes of Germany's Dominick Pfingst in the final match.

Vancouver's Cam Burrows teamed with Matthias Schopf from Austria in Expert Doubles as they took the final match over Saudi Arabia's Waseem Alkhamairi and Ahmed Aswani.

The Pro Singles final match found Martin Dousa of the Czech Republic victorious over Teddy Krueger of Wisconsin.

2025 HOF CLASSIC

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Tony Spredeman

Tony Spredeman is one of the most dominant and recognizable foosball players of his generation. Known for his explosive snake shot and aggressive playing style, Tony has won multiple World Championships across different tables and has represented the U.S. on the international stage. His influence extends beyond competition, inspiring players worldwide with his skill, drive, and dedication to foosball.

Billy Pappas

Billy Pappas is a foosball prodigy who rose to prominence at a young age, earning numerous World Championships and cementing his legacy as one of the most versatile and innovative players in the game. His exceptional multi-table skills have made him a force on the international scene, and his ability to adapt to any opponent or playing style has set him apart. Beyond foosball, Billy's competitive nature has led him to success in professional poker, showcasing his strategic mindset across multiple arenas.

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Steve Murray

FOOSBALL RADIO

Cory Taylor of Louisiana and Callum Oakes of Great Britain were taken down in the finals of Pro Doubles by the German team of Dominick Pfingst and Maximilian Hoyer.

The Over 50 Singles finals for women was a barn burner as Texan Stephanie Justice defeated fellow Texan Gena Murray. And the action continued as Justice and Murray

teamed up to take down Washington State's Lotus Chesbrough and Amy Powers in the Women's Over 50 Doubles finals.

Sullivan Rue of Louisiana reclaimed her title in the Women's ITSF Gold finals. For the 2nd year in row, Rue rose up to meet the challenge and win the coveted Golden Ticket.

The Women's Singles finals was a showcase of pure talent as Romanian phenom Ecaterina Sarbulescu edged out one of the top American players, Hannah Smith-Bufkin. More exciting foosball

action was had in the Women's Doubles finals as Americans Maryam Aly and Stayce Fowler dominated the team of Ecaterina Sarbulescu and Germany's My Lihn Tran.

The Men's Singles finals was a classic matchup of two longtime rivals, Tony Spredeman and Ryan Moore. Going five games in, Moore edged out the win over Spredeman in overtime. Incidentally, Moore also took the coveted Golden Ticket prize, which gives him free access to all the 2026 ITSF events.

During the Open Doubles finals, Tony Spredeman took another loss with his partner Erik Hueltner as they battled with Tommy Yore of New York and Brandon Munoz of Costa Rica. The match was over in three games, as Yore and Munoz crushed their competition.

During this ITSF event there were many additional competitions not seen before in the United States, not the least of which was the ITSF Champions League. Matching teams of players in extended battles, the result was favorable for the American team (World Foosball Tour San Jose) consisting of Terry Rue, Jacob Balcos, Ryan Moore, Tommy Yore, Brandon Munoz and Brandon Moreland. Talk about a dream team! They defeated the Saudi Arabian team (Al Khaleej), with members Ahmed Aswani, Waseem Alkhamairi, Ali Alqallaf and Saud Alyaseen of Kuwait.

The ITSF Champions League Women's division competition found the Bears Berlin team from Germany on top. Its roster included Americans Sullivan Rue, Hannah Smith-Bufkin, Sarah Klabunde and Djamila Nader of Germany, plus Ekaterina

Atanasova of Bulgaria. Bears Berlin bested The Rocket from Louisiana, which included Kali Taylor, Michelle Ochoa, Valerie Ponseti and Rhonda Melancon.

Finally, the ITSF Champions League Senior division crowned a winner with the Dallas Fire team with a roster that included Dave Radack, Mike Yore and Warren Vanlandingham. Coming in second place was the San Antonio Foosball team with members Oscar Ramirez, Patrick Jellison, Ronald Newsom and Rocky Enriques of Mexico.

The Open Classic finals ended with the team of Jacob Balcos and Cody Byre crushing the hopes of Stefan Burmetler and Matthias Schopf of Austria.

Still more foosball action was to be realized with the ITSF Nations Cup. For the Men's division, Team USA took out Germany and the Women's division was the reverse results with the German ladies winning the Cup over Team USA.

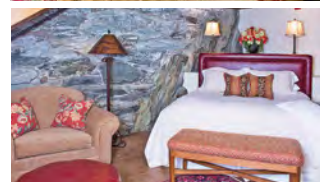
Steve Murray was right; this tournament was an amazing blend of good ol' American foosball with the style of the European format. One thing will prove the success or failure of this experiment—did the players have a great time?

Keep in mind the ITSF World Cup Championships 2025 are in Saragoza, Spain this summer. Team USA will be there and will be better prepared.

Stay tuned. The World Foosball Tour will hold the World Championships in New Orleans on Labor Day weekend and Foosball Radio will be there. Rest assured I will be giving you a blow-by-blow account of all the action.

Kudos to all our players and cheers to promoters like Steve Murray and Ryan Moore for giving us what we have always wanted – a growing sport. **TP**

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By Ron Boucher



Show Wrap-Up

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Diamond Billiards Vice President Chad Scharlow talking with players about some of the new designs.



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The Diamond Booth was constantly busy with Players playing challenge matches and questions about the new table.



Chad Scharlow looks on as players and spectators talk about show.



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Ella was getting a lot of attention and giving out a lot of autograph, seen in one of the pictures, Ella is giving an autograph to Joanna from Harrisburg, PA.



Stopping by the Tavern Players Magazine booth, one of our favorite little players Ella Troiano. Ella was excited to let us know that she was just Sponsored by J. Pechauer Custom Cues.

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Kelly Fischer talking with Players about her new KwikFire Pool Table.

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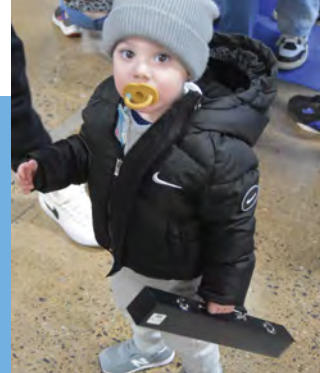
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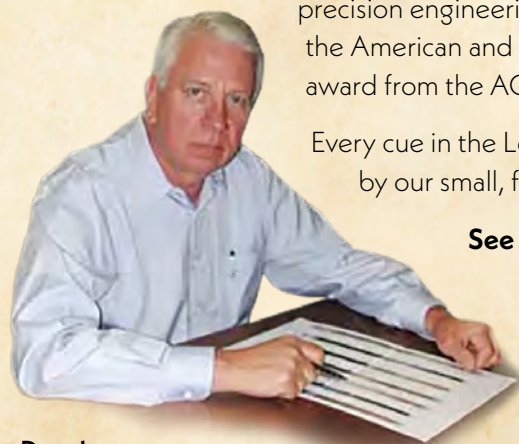
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The tournament marks a major moment for Green Bay and the broader Wisconsin pool community, which has emerged as one of the most vibrant and engaged regions in the country for billiards. The 2025 Oneida WPA Women's 8 Ball World Championship will feature the top women players from around the globe competing for a share of a \$150,000 prize pool—one of the richest in the sport's history.

In addition to the main event, the Roy Skenandore Memorial amateur tournament will run concurrently with a \$20,000 added prize purse, creating opportunities for local and regional talent to compete

alongside the sport's elite. The tables for the championship event and the opening ceremony at Lambeau Field will be provided exclusively by Olhausen Billiards.

Beyond competition, the week will include a youth clinic hosted at Lambeau Field and a spectacular opening ceremony at the same iconic venue. These events celebrate the past, present, and future of the sport, with Olhausen proudly playing a central role.

"Whether it's in a family game room or on the world championship stage, our mission has always been to support the love of the game," added Bourget. "This event brings that mission full circle."

The 2025 Oneida WPA Women's 8 Ball World Championship, produced by the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA), will take place at Oneida Casino Hotel, conveniently located adjacent to the Green Bay airport and offering accommodations for more than 300 players and guests. It is the only hotel in the region connected to a casino, making it an ideal setting for players and fans alike.

More information about event tickets, live-stream coverage, and registration for the Roy Skenandore Memorial tournament will be released in the coming weeks.

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Yes, the Tournament Director, Ron Boucher gets to play on occasion also. Ron is the Founder of the "King of Pubs" Pool series which was started in 2015.



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RECAP & RESULTS

WINTER/SPRING 2025
 "King of Pubs"
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Taking his time and creating a good rack, Corey Holmes from Vermont. Corey has been on the KOP circuit for a couple of years now and continues to climb the brackets

"Rack 'Em Up"

Due to a mix up in scheduling events at Winni Bar & Billiards in Gilford, NH, the KOP Finals, a tournament Series in the New England area that plays for fifteen weeks at different Bars and Taverns throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont ended up being moved to Memorial Day weekend. But that didn't stop the players who had their minds made up to go under any circumstances. Some players were not able to come due to having plans for that weekend and it was also tough to find a reasonable room rate over the Memorial Day weekend. Some came for just the Scotch Doubles, and some came for the Qualifying Singles, others made it for the Draw Your Partner. There were a few however made it for the whole weekend. It was also nice to once again have some first-time players who expressed their thanks for having a Great Event like KOP and mentioned how they can't wait for it to start up again in September.

The "King of Pubs" series Finals started off with the Friday night Scotch Doubles Event. With only a \$10.00 entry fee to any player that had 5 or more shows at any one location. There were 16 Teams in the Event and the Winni Bar & Bil-



liards added \$500. With the usual \$200.00 to \$300.00 already added by the KOP event to make the cash purse over \$1,000.00. Not bad for just a \$10.00 entry Fee. Half of the field was paid out. Playing with his daughter Jeff Dunn & Kennedy Dunn from Newport, VT did a double dip, coming out of the loser's bracket to beat a tough team in Travis Cram from Manchester, NH who teamed up with David Brasher from Warner, NH, both of whom are newer players to the circuit and a pleasure to have. Travis was also a recipient of the Sportsmanship Award. See the rest of the players who placed in the Results.

Now we are moving on to the Big Day of the Main Event, the Qualifying Singles Event. To Participate in this event, you must have a total of 14 Shows, 3 from different locations and be in the top 64. We didn't need to worry about that due to the change in schedule, but we still had 32 players, and we still had a good time.

A newer player to the KOP scene, Travis Cram. Travis placed in several events and also was awarded the Sportsmanship Award. These awards are nominated by other players throughout the KOP Series

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Your Friday night Scotch Doubles winners from L to R Travis Cram, Dave Brasher and Jeff & Kennedy Dunn. See results for all places.



One of our happy Dunkin' package winners, Keth Smith.



Take me to the Beach, Chad Booth getting a little relax time in between matches.

Once again, Jeff Dunn from Newport, Vermont took the hot seat and the finals, but not without some strong playing from Chad Booth from Chichester, New Hampshire. Jeff wasn't done their either, as he was looking for the Trifecta. The Trifecta has never been accomplished by a player to date yet. The last big event of the weekend was the Draw Your Partner. Jeff was paired up with a good player in Jack Smalles from Candia, New Hampshire amazingly Jeff and Jack were beaten in the first round by Shane Curtin and Jeff Letourneau, both from Vermont. They managed to fight all the way back through the loser's bracket to face Chad Booth and Ron Boucher both from New Hampshire, who were sitting in the Hot Seat. Jeff and Jack took the first leg of a race to three and it looked like Jeff was on his way to the Trifecta, but Chad and Ron pulled it together and took two straight in the second match to win the Draw overall. A Great Showing by Jeff Dunn.

The Qualifying Singles Event on Saturday brings in players from all over the Tri-State area. But before all that gets started at around 11:00 AM we have a half-hour presentation. This is for players who have been singled out by their peers for their accomplishments throughout the season. The tournament also gives

SCOTCH DOUBLES

1st	Jeff Dunn Kennedy Dunn	VT VT	\$350.00 Jackets
2nd	Travis Cram Dave Brasher	NH NH	\$220.00
3rd	Vinny Corneau Jim O'Neil	NH NH	\$150.00
4th	Shawn Feaster Eric Walsh	NH NH	\$120.00
5th	Chad Booth Ricky LePage	NH VT	\$60.00
5th	Ed Guinta Dean Rodgers	NH NH	\$60.00
7th	Joe Horgan Shane Curtin	VT VT	\$30.00
7th	Eric Smith Joe Martel	NH NH	\$30.00



SATURDAY QUALIFYING SINGLES

1st	Jeff Dunn	VT	\$650.00 Jacket
2nd	Chad Booth	NH	\$450.00
3rd	John Dennis	VT	\$400.00
4th	Michael Brooks Jr.	VT	\$300.00
5th	AL Jaynes	NH	\$175.00
5th	Kennedy Dunn	NH	\$175.00
7th	Keith Smith	NH	\$100.00
7th	TJim O'Neil	NH	\$100.00
9th	Dakota Letourneau	VT	\$70.00
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A local player from Gilmanton, New Hampshire, is always finding a way to place in many of the events, whether it is KOP, White Mountain Open or other events. Always a great respected player on any circuit.



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Always staying focused on the shot, Cherri DiSilva.

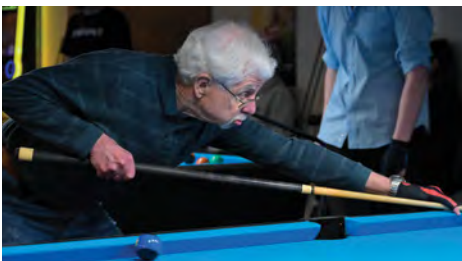


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This player has been playing in tournaments with Tavern Players Magazine for at least 20 plus years, Keith Ferland from Plymouth, NH who is usually seen playing out of the Grotto in Plymouth, NH.



Always tough competitors, Vinnie Corneau and incognito Jim O'Neil.



Winners of the Sunday Draw Your Partner from L to R Jack Smalles, Dakota Letourneau, Jeff Letourneau, Ricky LePage, Jeff Dunn, Chad Booth, Shane Curtin and Ron Boucher. Check results for teams and placement.



Winners of the Qualifying Singles Event, from L to R Jeff Dunn, Chad Booth, Michael Brooks and John Dennis.

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3rd	Seth Garzynski	NH	\$60.00
4th	Shane Curtin	VT	\$60.00

SUNDAY D.Y.P.

1st	Chad Booth	NH	\$150.00
	Ron Boucher	NH	Sweatshirts
2nd	Jeff Dunn	VT	\$100.00
	Jack Smalles	NH	
3rd	Dakota Letourneau	VT	\$80.00
	Ricky LePage	VT	
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Julie Racine	VT
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away two pool sticks, one from Viking Cues and one from Pechauer Cues to players who have been in the Top 8 Places in points and the Top 10 in Shows.

Check the results to see who the recipients of these specials awards were. Also, the reason we all play for, is for what we contribute to "David's House" at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD). Executive Director of David's House, Don Dutton is usually on hand to fill us in on what has been going on at David's House and how what we do to make life for families a little less stressful. This session we raised \$1,024.00.

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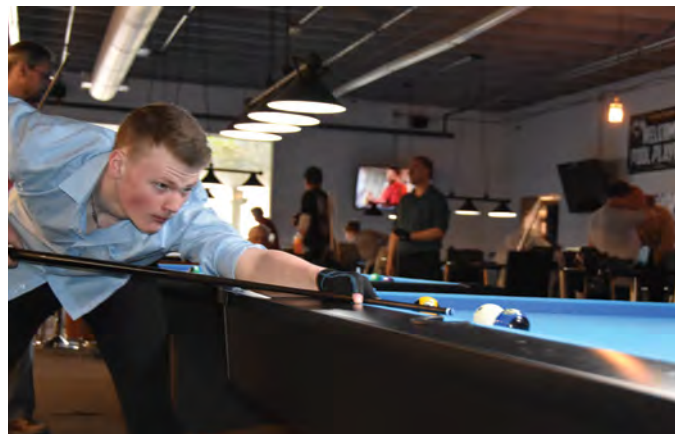
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A familiar face, known for her intense focus and determination, she is a Forced to be reckoned with. Kennedy Dunn who has played in a few WPBA Events and has been making her mark as a Player throughout the New England area. It is a joy to have her playing in the KOP.



Young Dakota Letourneau was getting in his groove as he placed in two of the major events. This is not becoming a surprise to many players who play him as his game continues to improve with every stroke.



Spending the whole weekend with his girlfriend Brooke, Shane Curtin from Berlin, NH showed that he is a player to be reckoned with. Shane was Awarded one of the four Most Improved Player Awards, won a pool stick and placed in a few of the events. I'm pretty sure we will see him back.

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BULLSEYE BANTER: THE TOP 10 DART PLAYER STEREOTYPES YOU'LL MEET ON THE LINE



By Gregg Tong, Tavern Players Darts Correspondent

Ah, darts. The sport of kings... and also blokes named Kev. Whether you're a pub league legend or just down for a casual "chuck", the oche is a rich tapestry of characters.

If you've played on enough teams over the years, toiled the tournament circuits or just frequent your local, you've likely gone face to face with more than a few.

Certain types seem to pop up every darts night like clockwork in pubs all around the planet. So mark your score, grab a pint, and see which of these top 10 dart player stereotypes hits closest to home.



1. The Shirt Mannequin

Decked out in custom dart shirts, wristbands, flashy haircut and a goofy yet fitting nickname nobody asked for ("Jedi Archer"), this player walks into the pub like it's their PDC World Championship walkon. They warm up for 30 minutes, quote Luke Littler stats mid-game, and fist-bump themselves after every ton. Consistent quarterfinal appearances at the weekly blind draw maintains their inflated confidence. Approach with caution, but don't fear them on the board.

3. Strategy Mule

A veteran player that simply refuses to throw the correct shot and won't accept coaching. Points when they should close and closes when they should score points in cricket, yet won't blame this strategy for the loss. They'll consistently leave bogey numbers with no possible checkout or have brain flatulence leaving 3 instead of busting back to 12. The short straw gets them as their pairs partner.



5. Soccer Mom Motormouth

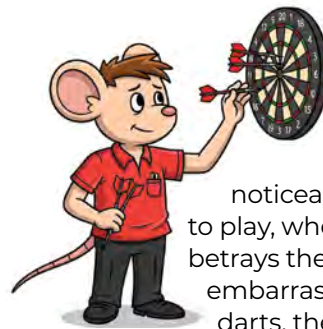
They shout a catch-phrase, clap and fist-bump after everything. Your triple? "Love the commitment!" Your bust? "It's all part of the process!" So that they don't feel left out themselves, they'll self-narrate their own turn. Every throw provides at least one self-affirming coaching opportunity. Can we turn the jukebox volume up?



7. The Rage Quitter



You smell the ear smoke and instantly know whose it is. Misses one double? Throws darts at the floor. Misses two? "This board's crooked." God forbid they lose to someone who "got lucky." Darts go straight into the bin. They're outside to pace and cool off, muttering about "never playing again" until next week when they show up early to "get serious." Should really switch to CBD beer.

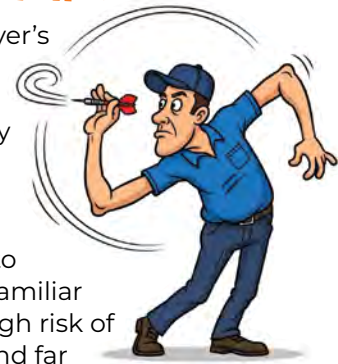


2. Modest Mouse

The polar opposite of the mannequin. This player is hardly noticeable in the room until they start to play, when their mastery of the board betrays their ordinary appearance. Almost embarrassed for throwing smoking hot darts, the mouse quickly becomes a crowd favorite and team recruitment prospect.

4. The Knuckledart Pitcher

Gasp in amazement at this player's uncanny accuracy with the poorest fundamentals in the room. Whether it's a wildly jerky "jimmy" arm, impossible grip or parabolic follow through, somehow their wobbly darts still land true. At least enough to win their share and piss off unfamiliar opponents. There is always a high risk of "donkey kick", so be sure to stand far back behind when it's their turn.



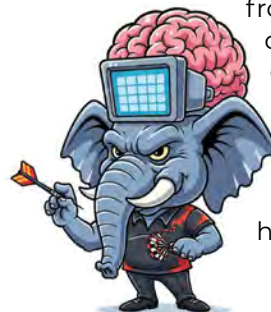
6. It's Gotta be the Shoes!

This player's obsessed with the endless search for the holy grail of darts equipment. They are just one "perfect dart" or accessory away from maximizing their natural potential. Shows up every week with a new set as if they belong to a "dart of the month club" (wait, is there such a thing?). Lugs in the most obnoxiously large sized case to house their massive collection of "one week trial" experiments.



8. The Elephant Man

Most of us can't remember if we locked our car after we walked into the pub, let alone what our darts did 12 seasons ago. But elephants remember everything, from the time you lost a dart down the ventilation grate in the corner to when Timmy busted a 160 checkout by slipping into the double bull with his third dart ("at least he still won the match"). This power can be as handy as it is annoying.



9. Spareless Joe



Arrives with the barest minimum of equipment, three ancient darts, no case and no extra flights or shafts. Barrels are worn nearly smooth with a hint of their former knurled glory. Only one shaft is perfectly straight and at least one of the (mangled) flights pops off after each throw. The darts equivalent of a vagabond hobo. Their first three darts of the night: Ton-40, every time.

10. The Outsider

Maybe they are from out of town or maybe they are from another country. Heck, every team usually has at least one Yankees fan. But darts often means all differences can be put aside for the common cause of throwing sharp objects and sharing the subsequent frustrations. When you see a new outsider on the fringe of the action, do the right thing and bring them into the circle, yes, even the guy in the Yankees cap.



So, which one are you? Or are you the rare unicorn: the actual normal dart player? (Ha!). You're the only normal one. Of course you are.

No matter your type, darts is all about camaraderie, competitiveness, and occasionally hitting what you aim for. So, raise your glass, chalk the board, and remember—there's a little bit of each type of player in all of us.

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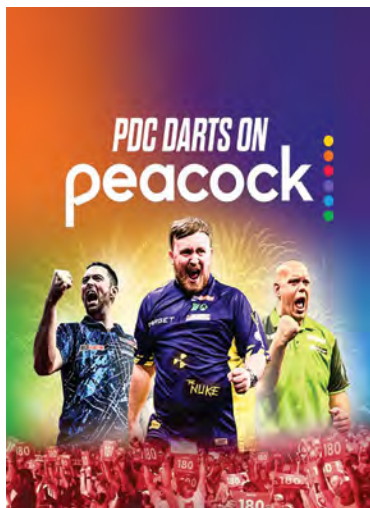
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The Dart Geek Zone

THE CAPE REPORT - DART NEWS FROM NEW ENGLAND'S SOUTHEAST TIP

By Darren Eldridge, The Dart Geek

Hello and Happy Summer! Before the tourist season descends upon our favorite vacation paradise, The Dart Geek is here to recap the Spring 2025 season—and preview summer darts action across the Cape. Many events were held at the Yarmouth Moose Lodge, a central location for bringing together the regional darts community.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES - SPRING 2025

CAPE COD DART LEAGUE (CCDL)

CCDL's Grand Finals were held on May 28 at the Yarmouth Moose Lodge, with all three division championships—B, A, and the coveted AA—decided under one roof.

B Division - #1 seed The Dart Zombies squared off against #2 Elifino (say it out loud: "El-if-I-no!"). The two teams had split their first two encounters, with their third meeting ending in a tie. But the Zombies pulled it out in the rubber match to take the title.



AAA CCDL Spring 2025 B Division Champions Dart Zombies.

L to R: Madison Maroney, Travis Lang, Joe Eldredge, William Rogers, Sue Eldredge, Joey Eldredge, and Haley Rogers. Not Pictured: Mark Mrozinski, Matthew Adams, and Jesse Lang



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A Division - A Division saw Riptides return to the finals, hungry for redemption after last season's tough 9-0 loss. They faced Nun80, who survived a thrilling semifinal win, edging out their opponent 9-8, but fell couldn't turn the Riptide's run for back to back glory.



AAA CCDL Spring 2025 A Division Champions Brewster VFW Riptides.

L to R: Joe Monahan, Richie Budion, Wayne Davis, Frank Morgan, Bob Studley, Rob Colamaria, Darren Eldridge, and Chip Horton.

AA Division - Perennial finalist FUPA couldn't dethrone the defending champs Still Trippin who face the new powerhouse—The Dart Sharks, led by Dennis “Big Cat” Alker Jr. An assembly of former A Division champions, the Sharks dominated all season to take down The Lanyard Stallions before sealing the deal with a win over Still Trippin in the final.



AAA CCDL Spring 2025 AA Division Champions The Dart Sharks.

L to R: Dennis Alker Sr., Mike Leary, Thomas McGilleray, Dennis Alker Jr., Christian Burrows, Calvin Castillias Jr., Chad Moore, and Shawn Murphy. Not Pictured: Mike Murphy

CAPE COD PREMIER LEAGUE (CCPL)

Run by “Basic Patrick” Paquette, the CCPL had a strong Spring 2025 season, with 56 players across 8 divisions. Here are the results of the May 18th Grand Finals held at the Yarmouth Moose Lodge.

Spring 2025 Champions:

AA: Mike Maguire

A: Alan Williamson

B: Kevin Boyan

C: Todd Moos

D: Rachel Imrie

Women's C: Laurie Kinsella

Women's D: Lynda Bedard



THE FUTURE OF DARTS

Also in May, the **3rd Annual Cape Cod Youth Dart Tournament** took place at the Yarmouth Moose Lodge. Youth players from across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Cape Cod showed up for the throwdown to hone their skills as future champions.

Huge Dart Geek standing ovation to the CCDL and their Board of Governors, and all of the program's amazing sponsors and supporters.

Special thanks to DGZ and CCDL's own Tim “Meat” Reynolds, Moose Queens Mallissa Hall and Christine Baker, her husband Matt “Matty B” Baker, and the entire CCDL Board. Thank you for creating an unforgettable day for the kids!



AAA Players Collected New Hardware At The Cape Cod Youth Tournament

SUMMER DART EVENTS ON THE CAPE

Visiting the Cape and looking for a game? Drop in on these weekly events when you're in the neighborhood:

Monday Nights:

“MeatLovin's BP Monday Night LOD” at Brewster Pizza, hosted by Tim Reynolds. Luck of the Draw format, \$10 entry fee.

Wednesday Nights:

Summer LOD Series 2025 at Yarmouth Moose Lodge (June 11 – August 20), hosted by the Dart Geez Zone! Luck of the Draw format, \$15 entry fee.



THE DGZ PODCAST

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WHAT'S UP WITH THE

TARIFFS

By Jim MacMillan

Tariffs are trending—but what do they really mean for your money? Here's a down-to-earth look at the costs, the politics, and why buying American might matter more than ever.

There is a lot of hype around the term tariffs and how it affects us all. This article takes a look at why they are being applied and different reasons or situations to help us understand them. You may not be a Trump fan, or you may think his reasons for enforcing them are outlandish. But let's see if his reasoning is sound or not...

First and foremost, Trump is a businessman and has made many 'deals' as he likes to put it. He pats himself on the back daily in that regard. And running the nation as a business is not necessarily wrong in my opinion as there are so many expenditures that need to be overseen, kind of like a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Furthermore, operating the country like a business strategy helps to keep profits and expenditures more in line with a balanced budget... ahhh, now we are digging in.



When an operation is not going well with too much money being spent frivolously, without checks and balances, a reckoning need to take place. And that's where the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) comes in. Some bemoan the presence of Elon Musk in government. They say, 'He wasn't elected!' or 'He's tearing down our country'. Well, he's also finding the root causes of why our country's debt is over 30 trillion dollars. He's not a dummy. Someone who can design a rocket program to reuse portions of the first stage and catch its landing with a pair of chop sticks is pretty nifty in my book.

A term called 'pork barrel spending' refers to money added into projects that are not related to the original project but just tacked on. Special interest groups help to get their way through this method. This has been the case for nearly a century.

Let's look at this on a personal level. You make an income in which you can almost afford to pay all your bills. Then prices on products you regularly buy go up because of a sagging economy. Your paycheck doesn't change but what you use it for does change. Reckoning time is approaching. You look at things that you don't absolutely need like a DD coffee and breakfast sandwich every day on the way to work, going out to dinner 4 times a week or needless subscriptions to services that don't quite matter anymore. By cutting some of that back, your paycheck goes further each month. This is DOGE 101. Then you discover that you had some hidden monthly expenditures you completely forgot about which add up to more waste. You eliminate them and start to see some real progress.

Then the hype sometimes is more myth than reality. Tariffs are in place to help pay down wasteful spending that has already taken place. Will it impact prices of goods? Probably a little. It's called passing it along to the consumer. But that has been happening far before these tariffs. If a company has to make modifications to its line of goods due to taxes, cost of raw materials or other reasons, it's always passed along to the consumer. This keeps the company profiting within reason, and workers in that company keep their jobs.

I work at a local Lowes and sell appliances to customers of all kinds. Some can barely afford to buy a new dishwasher and others come in and buy entire kitchen and laundry suites. Conversations almost

always circle around to buying products 'before the tariffs hit.' So far, I'm not seeing prices rise on most everything and supply of 98% of anything that is sold is still in good supply, no shortages of goods. Yet there is always that question: 'Do you think prices are gonna go up because of Trump's tariffs?' That's when I get out my crystal ball and look intently into it without responding...

My in-laws were going through the Canadian border crossing recently to bring a wooden Adirondack chair and table set to their camp up there. The customs officer questioned them as to its origin so he could access a value on the item as a tax of tariff. After close inspection, it wasn't made in China, South America or the USA. The officer was looking intently awaiting my father-in-law's finds. That's when, in small but legible print, the words Made in Canada were found. The officer waved them through with a nickel worth of tariff.

And this brings us to the point of this article. If more goods that we normally buy off shore could be made in this country again, we would have a flourishing economy and tariffs would subside if not disappear. The days of 'Made in the USA' is a rarity that could be made good with a little effort, planning and a society that would once again embrace it! 

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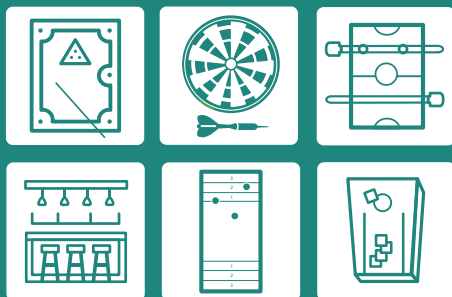



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